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COLORED DEMOCRATS.

The Executive Committee of the National Negro Democratic League, of which Hon. H. C. C. Astwood is chairman, has issued a call for a colored Democratic conference to be held in this city Monday, August 21st. It is reported that this will be one of the largest negro representative gatherings ever held in this city. Hon. C. H. J. Taylor, editor of the American Citizen, will be in the city next week.

Rev. P. H. White is making the necessary arrangements to make the affair a grand success.

Mr. James A. Ross, president of the National Negro Democratic Association, has withdrawn his call for a conference of negro Democrats that was called to convene in this city August 24th and 26th.

ROSS WITHDRAWS.

Mr. James A. Ross, vice-president of the National Colored Democratic Association, has withdrawn his call for a conference of negro Democrats.

Hon. C. H. J. Taylor and H. C. C. Astwood, of the executive committee of negro Democrats, have issued a call for a conference Aug. 21st.

It is hoped that this conference will tend to unite both factions of the colored Democrats.

As Mr. Ross has withdrawn his call, Mr. Taylor's remains in statu quo.

A LITTLE CONCEITED.

The Editor of a local contemporary, said in his news last week that the BEE manifested a spirit of jealousy. If the Editor is of the opinion that the BEE proposes to allow men to practice fraud upon the people by publishing to the world that they have bought an entire outfit of type, presses and other material and issue \$25,000 dollars worth of fraudulent stock at \$10 dollars per share he is mistaken in the paper.

The BEE is here to expose fraud and not allow the people to be defrauded by a lot of sharks.

The BEE can point out one stock holder in the alleged concern who has already robbed a poor widow woman on fourth street between K and N. Y. Ave. n. w. out of several hundred dollars.

If that is jealousy then the BEE must admit that there is a green eyed monster in its way.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE COLORED BAPTISTS.

Preparations are being made for the reception of the delegates to the annual convention of colored Baptists, which is to be held in this city on September 14. A preliminary meeting was held Monday night at No. 409 Fifth street northwest and the subject of entertaining the delegates was discussed.

Hon. B. K. Brace has accepted an invitation to deliver the opening address.

The subject of mission work, educational progress, the state of the negro race, and the state of the country will form the principal themes for discussion, and upon these subjects papers will be read by negro educators and scholars.

The convention will be held in the Vermont avenue Baptist church, and is estimated to hold about ten days.

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B. & O.
All colored editors from the south who intend attending the press convention, should go over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. It is the best and safest road in the United States.

GOOD WORK.

Judges Mills and Taylor have been doing good work in the Police Court during the past week. Both Judges seem to know just how to judge the guilt or innocence of persons brought before them. These are the kind of men that are needed on the bench, men who know how to treat colored attorneys when asked civil questions or professional favors.

Men are very soon effected with the big head. It is not so with Judges Mills and Taylor.

There is a disposition on the part of some of the bailiffs to discriminate.

MR. MCGEE'S REPLIES.

EDITOR THE BEE.

A Mr. L. M. Williams desires to know who I am in last week's issue and makes a false statement in saying that I claimed there were no ladies in the public school of Kansas City. Mo. I might say for the interest of my friends and in my own defense that I do not believe that inquiry was made by any L. M. Williams, I believe the name to be fictitious. However I have always believed and am now thoroughly convinced that he (the supposed writer) is an unmitigated coward, scoundrel and hypocrite. I never spoke anything about the Kansas City public schools except in the presence of three gentlemen neither of whom was Mr. L. M. Williams. I am sure that not one of these gentlemen would make such a false statement. Should Mr. L. M. Williams (incog) desire to know who I am I promise that if he meets me personally his ambition for office will be killed side die.

MILTON B. MCGEE.

EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION AT FREDERICK.

For the above event, on August 19, the Baltimore and Ohio railroad will sell round trip excursion tickets at low rates from Baltimore and Washington and all intermediate stations to Frederick. Trains will leave Baltimore at 8.30 a. m. and Washington at 9.30 a. m. Both trains will leave Frederick on return trip at midnight. Tickets will also be good for return on all regular trains 10th and 11th instants. Round trip from Baltimore and Washington, \$1.25. Music speeches by distinguished orators and a base ball game are among the attractive features of the day's program.

NEWS OF INTEREST.

At Boston, Mass., John Christian could find no work to do so he hung himself in front of his sweetheart's door.—(From N. O. Rescue).

It is reported that a wealthy white man near Raleigh, N. C., and who for many years figured as a prominent Republican leader in that State, has left in his will his entire property, consisting mainly of valuable farming lands, to four mulatto children, his own natural offspring. He was never married, but had a good many near relatives who expected to inherit the wealth. They are very indignant and propose to contest the will.—(Seattle Standard).

The Afro-American league seems to be a thing of the past in Washington. It has been one year and two months since the last meeting was held in this city.

THE NATIONAL AFRO-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION TO MEET AT CHICAGO

September 12, 13, and 14, 1893.

THE PRESIDENT ISSUES THE CALL

NATIONAL AFRO-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION, PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, 814 East Broad street, RICHMOND, VA., July 19, 1893. To Editors of the Afro-American Journals of the United States.

Greeting: The National Afro-American Press Association will hold its next annual meeting Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, September 12, 13, and 14, 1893, in the city of Chicago, State of Illinois.

All editors of Afro-American journals are invited to be present and take an active part in the deliberations.

A cordial invitation is also extended to all to be present who may be directly engaged in journalism. The sessions will be open to the public and the privileges of the floor accorded to those deemed from a journalistic standpoint worthy of that honor.

Persons who expect to attend the meeting's delegates will please advise the president accordingly in order that proper arrangements may be made for their entertainment.

The necessity for a large attendance and harmonious action is too apparent to need an urgent announcement here. The strides which certain sections of this country are making towards absolute anarchy is appalling.

The moans and pleadings of the victims of lynch law, the prayer and cries of bereaved families are too touching and constant to be ignored, and must call for sympathy for the unfortunates and condemnation of the guilty parties, even as has been almost unanimously done in the columns of race journals.

Business propositions will be considered and the practical improvement of our publications form a prominent feature of this meeting.

Believing that by organized and persistent endeavor our constantly increasing power can be made more effective, it is earnestly requested that each member will make an individual effort to awaken interest and arouse the people generally to an appreciation of the valuable services which the craft is rendering.

(Signed)
JOHN MITCHELL, JR., President.
JOSIE D. HEARD, Wilmington, Del., Secretary.

D. A. RUDD, Cincinnati, O., Chairman Executive Committee.

All race journals will please publish the above call.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

A dispatch from Madrid conveys the information that the Marquis de Barbales, brother of the Duke de Veragua, is also poor, and, as a direct descendant of Christopher Columbus, would thankfully receive an American subscription.

The steamer Empress of India brings particulars of the massacre in Sumpu, China, of Rev. Mr. Wilkholm and Rev. Mr. Johansen, Swedish missionaries. Their house was attacked by the mob. The missionaries, finally being driven out, were stoned to death on the street, their bodies mutilated and left a prey to the dogs.

NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.

Fresh News and Gossip from the Seat of Government.

Government silver purchases for July did not exceed \$2,500,000.

There will be \$13,500,000 paid out on account of pensions during the month of August.

Official information has been received of the successful trial of the Howell torpedo, at the torpedo station at Tyton, R. I. The torpedo showed remarkable accuracy, and it is believed will surpass the English Whitehead torpedo.

The Navy Department has received an account of the doings of the Behring Sea fleet up to the first of this month. The health of the fleet is excellent. Seven American and 25 British sealers had been taken, with 2,394 American and 18,216 British skins.

Owing to conflicting statements in regard to the failures of National banks, Comptroller Eckels has prepared a statement showing that the total number of failures to August 1, was 105, of which 14 have already resumed, and many others are preparing to resume. But 37 banks went into the hands of receivers.

NEW YORK OFFICES FILLED.

James T. Kilbreth for Collector and Walter D. Dunn for Appraiser. President Cleveland has at last filled the offices of Collector and Appraiser of the Port of New York, the Republican occupants of which tendered their resignations shortly after his nomination. The new appointees are as follows:

James T. Kilbreth, of New York city, Collector of Customs for the district of New York, vice Hendricks, resigned. James T. Kilbreth is a former police justice of New York, and was a former member of the County Democracy, and a prominent Anti-Snapper last year. He is a lawyer by profession, a man of high character, and had not been mentioned in connection with the office.

Walter H. Dunn, of Cooperstown, N. Y., Appraiser of Merchandise for the district of New York, vice Cooper, resigned. Mr. Dunn is a lawyer by profession, and has been an active Democrat. He was appointed United States marshal of the Northern District of New York by Mr. Cleveland in his first administration, and served until succeeded by Archie Baxter of Elmira, in 1889. He was a strong supporter of Mr. Cleveland's re-nomination in 1892.

Will Powderly Resign.

A dispatch from Pittsburgh states that Terence V. Powderly, General Master Workman of the Knights of Labor, is soon to resign, and that his resignation will be accepted. For some time past the order has been in a bad way financially, and if it had not been for a balance in the treasury from previous years the per capita tax on the present membership would not have met the running expenses. The nominal salary of the General Master Workman is \$5,000 a year, but for some years past Mr. Powderly would accept only \$3,500 a year. He has been studying law for some time, and is in a position when he resigns to begin practice in the courts of Pennsylvania. Mr. Powderly's successor, it is said, will be T. B. McGuire, a member of the General Executive Board.

Cholera in Russia.

Official returns just issued at St. Petersburg show a marked increase in the ravages of cholera throughout the empire. The figures show that for the past week there were in the government of Podolia 1,165 cases and 350 deaths, as against 499 cases and 122 deaths during the week preceding. In Orel, there were 234 cases and 91 deaths, as against 148 cases and 52 deaths during the previous week. In the government of Tolla, there were 77 cases and 10 deaths. In the preceding week there were only 31 cases and 8 deaths. In Moscow there were 72 cases and 21 deaths. The epidemic exists, though in less severe form, in the government of Viatic, Riazan, Oofa, and Simbirsk.

A Mob's Vengeance.

Bill Thompson, one of the three negroes who on Monday night last assaulted Mrs. Archie Slighter at her home at Gaston, S. C., a small station on the railroad between Columbia and Savannah, was lynched by a mob near the scene of his crime. Thompson's accomplices in the crime were Tom Preston and Handy Kaigler. Thompson made a full confession.

Preparing for Fight.

The San Francisco Call prints an article in which it intimates that a certain Hawaiian known as "Lycurus the Greek" is engaged in systematically smuggling arms into Honolulu. Rifles and cartridges have been shipped to Honolulu. This the Call knows. No seizure has been made of any such goods on the Hawaiian Island. It is claimed there is a plot on the part of the royalists to overthrow the provisional government.

Killed an Outlaw.

United States Deputy Marshals Pock, Bruner and Posey had a brush with outlaws a few miles west of Vineta, I. T., in which one of the outlaws was killed and another severely wounded and captured. One of the men lived three hours after being shot, and stated that he had participated in the Mountain Valley bank robbery.

To Protect Americans Abroad.

The United States gunboat Bennington set sail from New York on Monday for the Mediterranean. Her mission abroad is to enable her commander to investigate the charges relating to persecution of American missionaries in Asia Minor.

\$3.50 TO LURAY CAVERNS AND RETURN.

Special train will B. & O. station, Washington, at 8.30 a. m., Thursday, July 27, arriving at Luray at 1.30 p. m. Four hours at the Caverns. Round trip fare, including reserved seat on train and admission to the caves, \$3.50.

CLARA TO LOUISE.

CHEAP EXCURSION TO LURAY CAVERNS.

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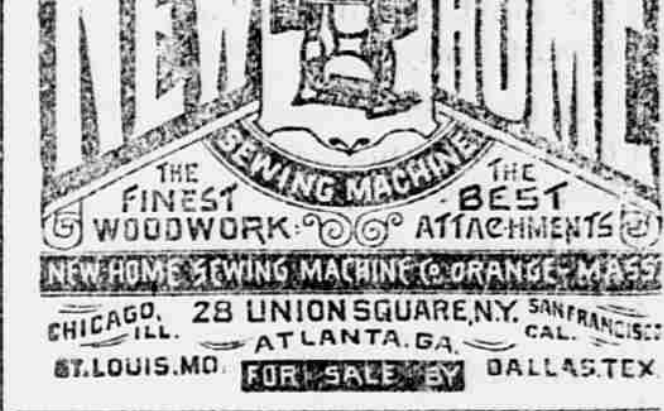


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TO THE COLORED PRESS.

Office the Historian of the Colored Press Association of the United States.—1109 Ist. n. w., Washington, D. C., May 8, '93

By virtue of a resolution accompanied by the report of the historian, of the colored Press Association, Mr. T. Thomas Fortune, adopted at a meeting of the press convention held in Philadelphia, Pa., in September, 1892 to the effect, that each colored editor or publisher of a newspaper should mail to the historian of said association a copy of his paper, so that a correct record may be kept and to enable the historian to make a concise report to the association of all papers published in the United States by negroes. It is also hoped that, each publisher whose name does not appear in his paper will furnish the historian with his correct editorial staff.

Fraternally yours,
W. Calvin Chase,
Historian of the Colored Press Association of the United States.

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THE EXTRA SESSION.

WASHINGTON BEGINS TO BUBBLE WITH EXCITEMENT.

No Fight Over the Speakership—Prospects of Silver Repeal Doubt as to Senate—The Tariff Question—Mr. Crisp on the Situation.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The President and all the members of the cabinet are expected in Washington before the close of the week. The majority of the members of both Houses of Congress will also be on hand by Saturday.

The past week has been exceedingly dull in Washington. Not over a dozen members of either House of Congress were in the city. There is really nothing surprising in this. The weather has been hot, and the men who are soon to plunge into the whirl of politics at the capital are likely to stay away to the last moment.

Ex-Speaker Crisp arrived Monday. It is admitted that he will have no rival for the Speakership. There is, however, considerable gossip as to the other prominent positions in the organization of the House. Two or three candidates will appear against Dosey Turner, the "foeman" of New York. Ex-Congressman Snow of Illinois has conducted headquarters at the National Hotel during the past week. Ex-Congressman Yoder of Ohio will probably be re-elected as sergeant-at-arms, and Mr. Dalton will be continued as postmaster.

The general opinion is that few changes will be made in the chairman of the committees of the House, and that there will be no delay in the full organization of that body. The few Congressmen in town express the opinion that no small or factional Congress will be permitted. The real fight of the Congress is on the silver question, and members on both sides of the question are anxious to get down to serious work. There is a notable expression of confidence on the part of the friends of silver repeal. They predict that the Sherman silver law will be repealed in the House, without much waste of time. To do this, a change of rules to prevent filibustering is necessary, and such change will probably be made.

The real doubt as to the work of Congress lies in the Senate. The rules of that body permit indefinite debate, and the ablest and most experienced advocates of free silver courage are among its members. It is not claimed, however, that there will be any serious opposition to the repeal of the Sherman law. The Senate's opposition to any House measure will probably assume the form of an amendment in favor of a free coinage of silver. It is not believed that the tariff question will be seriously considered at the extra session.

Ex-Speaker Crisp, in conversation, is not inclined to talk freely of the probability of the repeal of the Sherman silver law. The bare question of repeal could hardly, Mr. Crisp thought, be considered alone, for while it was true that the Democratic party was opposed to the law, and demanded its repeal in the platform, it was not known to what extent conditions would be insisted upon. Mr. Crisp expects the President to bring the tariff prominently before Congress, either coupled with the question of finance or in a subsequent message bearing directly upon the subject. The ex-Speaker looks forward to a long and arduous session of Congress.

SIAM SURRENDERED.

France's Demands Conceded, But England Stands in the Way.

Paris, Aug. 1.—The full acceptance by Siam of the French ultimatum has ended the prospect of war.

After deciding to accept Siam's concession of the French terms, the Ministers deferred further definite action until measures are taken to guarantee Siam's fulfillment of the French demands. They took steps, however, to inform M. Pavie, French Minister Resident, now at Koh-Sue-Chang, of Siam's acceptance of the ultimatum and the consequent action of the Council. There is much unrest in France over the alleged concessions to England. It is known that Lord Roseberry informed the French Minister that any attempt to enforce a French blockade against British vessels in Siamese waters would be considered an act of hostility. The French Minister then agreed not to stop British vessels. The back-down by Siam ended a delicate situation. It is declared that England will not permit France to occupy the Shan States, which Siam agrees to surrender. England gave those States to Siam exactly for the purpose of preventing a further French advance toward British Burma, and she will not now permit their separation from Siam. It is believed in some quarters that Siam's ready surrender was due to her having a tip that England would see that France did not gain too much.

Grangers Beaten.

Judge Dundy of the United States District Court at Omaha, has signed the Nebraska Maximum Rate law, passed by the last Legislature, which would have become operative August 1. The theory on which the court granted the order is that the law reduces rates to such a low figure that it practically confiscates all Nebraska railroad property without compensation. This law was the culmination of the efforts of the Anti-Monopolists of Nebraska for many years, and the decision is a great blow to that element.

England is Anxious.

There is much anxiety displayed in London over the aggression of France in Siam. England controls 95 per cent of the commerce in the Siam gulf. Mr. Gladstone has evoked all engagements that would take him away from London, and Lord Roseberry is closely engaged at the foreign office, day and night. It is believed that France has been warned not to proceed to extremes with Siam.

Colorado Miners Tramping East. The advance guard of the Colorado miners, who are tramping eastward, have entered Missouri, and every railroad track leading toward the Mississippi river is black with humanity. They are provided with food by donations of towns and villages they pass through. The trappers have given up all attempts to keep them off the trains and are now permitting them to ride unmolested.